

9 August 1951

The Honorable Hubert H. Humphrey
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Humphrey:

Pursuant to our telephone conversation, I
am enclosing a very frank letter which I have written
to Judging from his record
and background, he is of sufficiently high caliber
to appreciate frankness and I think he deserves no
less.

Very sincerely,

SIGNED

Walter B. Smith
Director

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You will appreciate from the above that there was no implication whatever that you were untrustworthy, politically confused, or had the slightest tinge of pink. In fact, were your background and qualifications less excellent, I would not have spoken as frankly to you as I have in this letter.

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I consider personnel of this Agency at fault in having given you too much assurance of employment prior to completion of formal investigation which takes a long time. However, you are aware, I think, that much of this delay is due to circumstances beyond our control.

In conclusion, I want you to know that I was personally impressed with your record. If you should have occasion to be in Washington, I would be glad to have you call and see me.

Very sincerely,

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